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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: [redacted] 25X1
Director of Information Services

SUBJECT: Revision of Executive Order 12065

1. The use of the word "cryptology" is causing a real problem within the Agency unless the Executive order (E.O.) is changed to allow the specificity of language which will reflect the DCI's responsibility for the portion of intelligence sources and methods known as signals intelligence (SIGINT) and the Secretary of Defense's responsibility for communications security (COMSEC) matters. This delineation of responsibility is presumably well understood within the Intelligence Community; however, E.O. 12333 spelled out the respective roles of the DCI and the Secretary of Defense in those areas. E.O. 12333 under Section 1.12(b) which defines the responsibilities of the National Security Agency (NSA) states, in part:

> "(3) Collection of signals intelligence information for national foreign intelligence purposes in accordance with guidance from the Director of Central Intelligence;
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> (4) Processing of signals intelligence data for national foreign intelligence purposes in accordance with guidance from the Director of Central Intelligence;
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> (5) Dissemination of signals intelligence information for national foreign intelligence purposes to authorized elements of the Government, including the military services, in accordance with guidance from the Director of Central Intelligence."

It goes on in the same Section to give the Secretary of Defense's responsibilities for COMSEC as follows:

> "(8) Executing the responsibilities of the Secretary of Defense as executive agent for the communications security of the United States Government."

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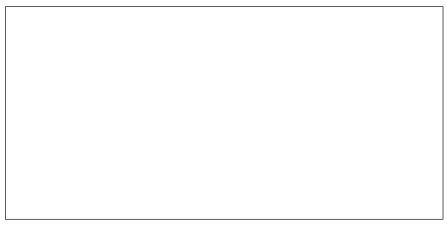
2. Since SIGINT is a source and a method, it is therefore part of the DCI's statutory authority. We have recommended appropriate language in the last two or three revisions of E.O. 12065, but it has never been put in the new drafts which the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) prepares. I discussed this yesterday with Steve Garfinkel, Director, ISOO, who advised me that he and the National Security Council (NSC) people view this as a "turf battle" between the Agency and the Department of Defense (DOD). It may be a misunderstanding on the part of some people in DOD who are preparing comments on the E.O. 12065 revision, but it is not a "turf battle" as ISOO and NSC seem to think. E.O. 12333 would appear to have resolved any differences of opinion over the respective roles of the DCI for SIGINT and the role of the Secretary of Defense for COMSEC matters.

3. The problem centers around the currently understood definition of the word "cryptology." According to the official current Intelligence Community Glossary of intelligence terms, "cryptology" includes both SIGINT and COMSEC. What we need in E.O. 12065 is either a definition for "cryptology" which we have proposed for the purposes of this Order to mean "cryptography and communications security" or, as an alternative to the addition of a definition for "cryptology," substitute the words "cryptography" or "cryptographic" for the words "cryptology" and "cryptologic" as used throughout the current draft. In addition to the language in E.O. 12333 which defines the DCI's responsibility for SIGINT, NSCID 6 specifically makes the DCI responsible for SIGINT security policy.

4. I will, of course, convey this to Steve Garfinkel by telephone and we will also include it in our comments going back to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). However, we believe what is needed at this time to resolve the matter is a telephone call from Admiral Inman or John McMahon to Linc Faurer at NSA. Otherwise, I am afraid we will continue to be at an impasse in the language we are suggesting in our comments and the language which DOD is using when they comment on E.O. 12065. Since ISOO views this as a "turf battle," their position is to be neutral and not get in the middle between CIA and DOD on this issue.

5. Please let me know if you need further information or clarification.



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